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SUMMARY: NEW GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED. AMADORA  
COMMANDO REGIMENT WILL MEET LATER TODAY TO CONSIDER FURTHER  
CASE OF ITS OUSTED COMMANDER, COL. JAIME NEVES. TWO DEATHS  
REPORTED IN CONTINUING INCIDENTS IN AREA NORTH OF LISBON. LARGE  
DEMONSTRATION AUGUST 3 IN COIMBRA IN SUPPORT OF CHURCH AND  
HIERARCHY PRODUCED MILITANT CALL FOR INCREASED POLITICAL  
ACTIVISM ON PART OF FAITHFUL. PCP LEADER CUNHAL SPEAKING  
AT PCP RALLY IN EVORA AUGUST 3 APPEALED TO FAR LEFT TO  
JOIN IN UNIFIED STRUGGLE AGAINST FORCES OF REACTION. CUNHAL'S  
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APPEAL BETRAYS PCP NERVOUSNESS OVER CURRENT SITUATION. SECOND

CONGRESS OF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCILS OF WORKERS, SOLDIERS,  
AND SAILORS (CRT'S) MET IN LISBON AUGUST 2-3. END SUMMARY

1. NEW GOVERNMENT: AS OF 1730 HOURS THE NEW PROVISIONAL  
GOVERNMENT HAS STILL NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED. EMBASSY SOURCES SAY  
PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES HAS LOST BATTLE WITH MODERATES AND MAY  
BE OUT (REFTEL A). THE DIRECTORATE CONTINUES IN SESSION.

2. AMADORA COMMANDOS: PERSONNEL OF AMADORA COMMANDO REGIMENT  
ARE MEETING TODAY AUGUST 4 TO CONSIDER FURTHER THE ABRUPT TRANSFER  
OF UNIT COMMANDER COL. JAIME NEVES AND 12 OTHERS. WE UNDERSTAND  
THAT SENTIMENT WITHIN THE UNIT FAVORS RETURNING NEVES AND THE  
OTHERS TO THEIR POSITIONS WITHIN UNIT.

3. MORE VIOLENCE: THERE HAS BEEN A FURTHER ESCALATION IN THE  
CONTINUING VIOLENCE NORTH OF LISBON.

--IN VILA NOVA DE FAMILICANO, INCIDENTS WHICH BEGAN ON  
AUGUST 1 WITH TRASHING OF MDP/CDE OFFICES CONTINUED OVER  
WEEKEND (REFTEL B). CROWD MADE ANOTHER ATTEMPT UPON PCP  
OFFICES WHICH WERE OCCUPIED BY MILITARY PERSONNEL, PCP MILITANTS  
HAVING WITHDRAWN UNDER MILITARY PROTECTION. TENSION REMAINS HIGH  
IN FAMILICANO AND IN THE NORTH IN GENERAL. WE HAVE REPORTS THAT  
DEATHS WERE RESULT OF ARMY CAPTAIN FIRING HIS PISTOL INTO CROWD.  
SOLDIERS ALLEGEDLY OFFERED TO TURN THEIR WEAPONS OVER TO CROWD  
AFTER SHOOTING. LOCAL CITIZENS NOW ARE OUT LOOKING FOR THE  
CAPTAIN.

--IN POVOA DE LANHOSO, DEMONSTRATORS SACKED PCP AND MDP/CDE  
OFFICES AUGUST 3 DESPITE PRESENCE OF LOCAL MILITARY UNITS.

4. CATHOLIC DEMONSTRATION IN COIMBRA: AUGUST 3 DEMONSTRATION  
BY COIMBRA CATHOLICS IN SUPPORT OF CHURCH HIERARCHY BROUGHT  
OUT SECOND LARGEST CROWD TO ASSEMBLE THERE SINCE APRIL 1974  
REVOLUTION. CROWD OF THOUSANDS SWELLED BY DEMONSTRATORS COMING INTO  
CITY FROM OTHER PRTS OF DIOCESE. BISHOP SPOKE TO CROWD, CONDEMNING  
CAMPAIGN OF VERBAL ABUSE AGAINST CHURCH, USURPATION OF RADIO  
RENASCENCA, AND ATTEMPTS TO DIVIDE CHURCH BY SEPARATING PEOPLE  
FROM THEIR PRIESTS AND BISHOPS. BISHOP REPEATED HIERARCHY'S  
CONCERN ABOUT CURRENT TRENDS IN PORTUGUESE SOCIETY AS  
EXPRESSED IN PASTORAL LETTER OF JUNE 18 (REFTEL C). BISHOP  
CALLED FOR INCREASING MILITANCY BY FAITHFUL WHO WERE ASKED TO  
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ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS "HOUR OF ACTION." IN FIELD,  
FACTORY, WORKSHOP, SHCOOL, UNION, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS, "NONE  
OF US CAN DESERT. POLITICAL ABSENCE WOULD BE A CRIME."

5. CUNHAL APPEALS TO FAR LEFT: PCP SECRETARY GENERAL CUNHAL  
APPEALED AUGUST 3 FOR UNITY OF ALL PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN FACE  
OF COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY DANGER. SPEAKING AT PCP RALLY IN  
EVORA, CUNHAL WARNED THAT "ANTI-COMMUNISM IS THE NUMBER ONE

ARM OF COUNTER-REVOLUTION." IF COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES ARE AFTER COMMUNISTS TODAY, TOMORROW IT WILL BE TURN OF THOSE (ON FAR LEFT) WHOSE OPPORTUNISTIC ANTI-COMMUNISM HAS OPENED GATES TO REACTION.

6. SECOND CRT CONGRESS: THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCILS OF WORKERS, SOLDIERS, AND SAILORS (CRT'S) HELD THEIR SECOND NATIONAL CONGRESS AUGUST 2 AND 3 IN LISBON. SEVERAL HUNDRED DELEGATES PRESENT FOR CONGRESS PRAISED AFM PROGRAM FOR "DIRECT DEMOCRACY" AS A "GREAT ADVANCE FOR THE WORKING MASSES," BUT ALSO NOTED THAT REVOLUTION THREATENED MORE THAN EVER FROM WITHIN AS WELL AS WITHOUT.

7. COMMENT: CUNHAL'S EVORA SPEECH MADE CLEAR PCP'S PREOCCUPATION WITH SERIES OF ATTACKES ON PARTY OFFICES AND PERSONNEL ACROSS NORTHERN AND CENTRAL PORTUGAL. LONG DELAY IN FORMING FIFTH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS OMINOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR PM GONCALVES' CONTINUITY IN OFFICE AND PCP'S CONSEQUENT CONTINUITY AT CENTER OF POWER STRUCTURE, WAS SECOND REASON FOR CUNHAL'S CONCERN. HIS APPEAL TO REVOLUTIONARY FAR LEFT, WHICH PCP UNTIL RECENTLY HAS ROUNDLY DENOUNCED FOR "CHILDISHNESS" AND "ADVENTURISM," BETRAYS PCP NERVOUSNESS OVER CURRENT SITUATION. CAPT. RAMIRO CORREIA, COMMUNIST-SYMPATHIZING HEAD OF ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF'S FIFTH DIVISION (PROPAGANDA AND CULTURAL DYNAMIZATION) EXHIBITED SAME NERVOUSNESS IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF AUGUST 4.

8. REMARKS BY BISHOP OF COIMBRA MARK SECOND TIME SINCE REVOLUTION THAT HIERARCHY HAS SEND OUT CLEAR, SPECIFIC CALL TO ACTION BY FAITHFUL. FIRST WAS DURING ELECTION CAMPAIGN, WHEN BISHOPS CALLED ON CHRISTIANS TO VOTE FOR IDEOLOGICALLY ACCEPTABLE PARTIES AND EXCLUDED "BLANK VOTE" ALTERNATIVE. CURRENT CALL FOR INCREASED MILITANCY ALREADY BEING GIVEN IMPETUS BY PARISH PRIESTS, URGING AND WORKING WITH PARISHIONERS IN EFFORT TO ORGANIZE. BOTH  
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PATRIARCH OF LISBON AND PAPAL NUNCIO HAVE TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT CHURCH IS DETERMINED TO ENGAGE IN UNIFIED STRUGGLE AGAINST AFM PRO-COMMUNIST ACTS.  
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